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Letter dated 5 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Special Committee

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the earnest desire of the Kingdom of Morocco to become, at the soonest, a full member of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

Morocco was among the 38 African and Asian countries that sponsored and voted in favour of General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI), adopted on 27 November 1961, establishing the Special Committee.

I would also like to recall that the first meeting of the Special Committee away from United Nations Headquarters was held in Tangiers, Morocco, from 21 to 25 May 1962, at the invitation of the Government of Morocco (see A/AC.109/7).

During that meeting, the Special Committee was received by King Hassan II. His Majesty said that it was a great honour for Morocco to have been the meeting place of the Special Committee and that it was a fitting honour, as Morocco, under King Mohammed V, had been the first African country to show the way in the fight for liberation (see A/5238).

As a full member of the Special Committee, Morocco will continue, as it has since joining the United Nations in 1956, to uphold all the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

I would be grateful if this letter could be promptly circulated to the members of the Special Committee and issued as a document of the Committee.

(*Signed*) Omar **Hilale**
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